

KNAPHILL JUNIOR SCHOOL

YEAR 4 CURRICULUM OUTLINE

Autumn Term 2018

Africa (focus on Benin)



English

As well as using a range of fiction and non-fiction texts to increase their knowledge about Africa, the main texts this term will be 'Meerkat Mail' by Emily Gravett and 'Butterfly Lion,' by Michael Morpurgo. The children will have the opportunity to write formal letters, setting descriptions and newspaper articles.

Maths

During the start of the Autumn Term, the children will be exploring place value including counting in multiples of different numbers, ordering and comparing numbers and solving number and practical problems. After half term, the children will be measuring and calculating the perimeter of different shapes as well as focusing on improving their multiplication and division skills.

Science

The Science area of focus for the first half term will be animals (including humans) in which the children will study the process of digestion as well as being able to identify the different types and functions of teeth. They will also create a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey. After half term, the children will be focusing on states of matter and start to compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases.

R.E.

The children will begin the term by examining the Jewish faith, including exploring the importance of a synagogue. After half term, the children will look at why Christians call God, 'Father,' and how artists can help us to understand the celebration of Christmas.

Computing

At the start of the term, the children will begin by exploring programming software and will learn to make shapes and navigate mazes. After half term, they will learn how to search, retrieve and store images, text and clips and produce their own information leaflets using Microsoft Publisher.

Geography

The children will be comparing rural and urban communities in a range of African countries. They will focus on fair trade and the impact of tourism and children will also learn more about the country of Benin.

History

The children will learn about some of the early explorers and settlers in Africa. Studies will include research about slavery, equality, William Wilberforce and Nelson Mandela.

Art and DT

The children will produce a range of large 3D and 2D art, using varied stimulus. David Shepherd will be the artist focus and children will have the opportunity to use a range of materials including: oil pastels, collage, papier maché and watercolours.

Music

The children will learn some traditional African tribal songs. They will also be learning more about the band, Ladysmith Black Mambazo.

PE and Games

As part of their indoor P.E. unit, the children will be exploring African tribal dance and how to create different balances both individually and as a group. During outdoor games sessions, the children will take part in OAA activities as well as being taught a range of football skills and techniques.

PSHE

The whole school themes this term are 'We're all Stars' and 'You've got a Friend in Me'. Children will create a class charter and reflect on and celebrate their achievements as well as focusing on how to maintain healthy and positive relationships with others.

French

In French, the children will learn the names of different colours and also how to name and identify the different parts of the body in French. They will also explore the verb, 'être (to be) and learn how to use it in different contexts.

Home Learning

English: Set on Monday, please hand in on Wednesday

Maths: Set on Wednesday, please hand in on Friday

Topic: Collected in every few weeks (dates on the project)

Spellings: handed out on a Monday and tested the following Monday

Important Year 4 Dates for the Term

Year 4 Flight to Africa	Monday 10th September
Parents Evening	Tuesday 16 th October 3.30-6pm
Parents Evening	Thursday 18 th October 5-8pm
Africa Dress Up Day	Tuesday 30th October
4E Class Assembly	Friday 16th November
Year 4 Water Aid Charity Event	Thursday 22nd November 2-3pm

Further diary dates and information about our curriculum can be found on our school website:

<https://knaphillfederationofschools.org.uk/>

We are all excited about our new topic and can't wait to get started this term!

We would like to thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

Mrs Evans, Mrs Jordan and Mrs Barrett